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SUBJECT: U.S. MTN DEL/BRAZILIAN BILATERAL

REF: MTN GENEVA 8775

1. U.S. MTN DEL (HARTZELL, GRAEF, SWAIN AND ST. MAXENS)
MET WITH BRAZILIAN MTN DEL (BARTHEL-ROSA, PORTO, AND
CARVALHO) ON MARCH 17 TO DISCUSS U.S. TARIFF OFFER, RE-
CENTLY RECEIVED BRAZILIAN REQUESTS, STATUS OF BRAZILIAN
OFFERS AND TIMING FOR FURTHER BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS.
U.S. DEL DISCUSSED U.S. TARIFF OFFER IN CONSIDERABLE
DETAIL, NOTING ITS FORTHCOMINGNESS IN MOST AREAS OF KEY
INTEREST TO BRAZIL, MAINTENANCE OF WHICH WOULD REQUIRE
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POSITIVE RESPONSES TO U.S. REQUESTS. U.S. DEL ADDED
OBSERVATION THAT RECENTLY RECEIVED BRAZILIAN REQUEST
LIST DID NOT INCLUDE REQUESTS ON 12 AGRICULTURAL ITEMS
FOR WHICH IT WAS PRINCIPAL SUPPLIER.

2. U.S. DEL REVIEWED ON ITEM-BY-ITEM BASIS BRAZILIAN
MFN REQUESTS IN LIGHT OF INITIAL U.S. OFFER, AND RE-

GISTERED SURPRISE/DISMAY OVER THE NUMEROUS REQUESTS FOR INCLUSION IN GSP. IN LIGHT OF BRAZILIAN EMPHASIS ON GSP IN CONTRAST TO PREVIOUS U.S./BRAZILIAN UNDERSTANDING ON MFN LIBERALIZING S&D (SEE REFTTEL) AND KNOWN U.S. OPPOSITION TO NEGOTIATING GSP, PLUS PRO FORMA REQUESTS ON FOOTWEAR AND OTHER ESCAPE CLAUSE ITEMS, MTN DEL QUESTIONED SINCERITY OF BRAZILIAN INTENTIONS TO ACHIEVE MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY RESULT. BRAZILIAN DEL RESPONDED THAT SINCE NO FORMAL AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED ON TREATMENT OF GSP IN THE MTN, GOB HAD PROCEEDED TO TABLE GSP REQUESTS IN ORDER TO "REGISTER AN INTEREST WE HAVE." IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUERY BRAZILIAN DEL DID NOT KNOW WHETHER REQUESTS FOR GSP HAD ALSO BEEN MADE THROUGH NORMAL (STR) CHANNELS. BRAZILIAN DEL ASKED IF U.S. WOULD BE WILLING TO ENTERTAIN REQUESTS FOR ACCELERATED STAGING. U.S. DEL REPLIED THAT SUCH REQUESTS COULD BE CONSIDERED ON A PRODUCT-BY-PRODUCT BASIS AT A SOMEWHAT LATER STAGE.

3. BRAZILIAN DEL INDICATED THAT U.S. MARKET ACCESS REQUESTS WERE BEING STUDIED IN BRASILIA NOW BUT THAT THEY HAD NOT YET RECEIVED ANY INDICATIONS OF RESPONSE. U.S. DEL REPORTED THAT THE REQUESTS WERE BEING MODIFIED AND REFINED IN WASHINGTON, AND THAT THE AMENDED LIST WOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO BRAZILIAN DEL THE WEEK OF MARCH 20.

4. U.S. DEL EXPRESSED CAUTIOUS ENCOURAGEMENT THAT BRAZIL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WAS BEGINNING TO TAKE MORE ACTIVE INTEREST NOW IN VARIOUS AREAS OF MTN, E.G., MEAT AND GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT. BRAZILIAN DEL STATED EXPERT TEAM FROM BRASILIA -- ABLE TO DISCUSS PRODUCT-SPECIFIC ISSUES IN DETAIL -- WAS EXPECTED IN GENEVA IN EARLY TO MID-APRIL AND THAT A RESPONSE TO U.S. REQUESTS SHOULD BE READY BY THAT TIME. GIVEN PRESS OF EVENTS AND PERSONNEL AVAILABILITIES IN EARLY APRIL, IT WAS AGREED TO AIM FOR NEXT BILATERAL BY APRIL 14 IF POSSIBLE, TO DISCUSS U.S. OFFER AND SUPPLEMENTARY AGRICULTURAL OFFER, IF AVAILABLE, AS WELL AS BRAZILIAN CONTRIBUTIONS.

5. DRAFTED BY ST. MAXENS. MCDONALD

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